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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

NOEL WOODARD, individually and on
behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOEING EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION
and KAYE-SMITH ENTERPRISES, INC.,
and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:23-cv-1165-AR

**DEFENDANT BOEING EMPLOYEES'
CREDIT UNION'S RESPONSE TO
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL**

Plaintiff Noel Woodard (“Plaintiff”) sued Boeing Employees’ Credit Union (“BECU”) after learning about a cyberattack affecting BECU’s printing vendor, Kaye-Smith Enterprises, Inc. (“Kaye-Smith”). [Dkt. 1](#). Ms. Woodard “barely” escaped dismissal of every claim in her case under [Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12\(b\)\(6\)](#) and would need more to survive summary judgment. [Woodard v. Boeing Emps. Credit Union](#), 2023 WL 4847126, at *4 (W.D. Wash. July 28, 2023) (“Without Rule 12(b)(6)’s forgiving standard of review, [Plaintiff] will need far more to survive later challenges to her CPA claim.”). And on November 22, 2023, she expected BECU to move for judgment on the pleadings to dismiss her case entirely. *See* [Dkt. 75](#). But Plaintiff preempted BECU and made her own filing intending to dismiss her case. [Dkt. 77](#). The Court construed Plaintiff’s filing as a motion for voluntary dismissal of this action under [Rule 41\(a\)\(2\)](#) (the “Motion for Voluntary Dismissal”). *See* [Dkt. 78](#), generally. Plaintiff subsequently informed the Court that “the parties have reached a resolution in the case and . . . are trying to dismiss the case.” [Dkt. 80](#). Plaintiff provided no additional information about the parties’ “resolution.” *See id.* However, only one proposed settlement agreement has been filed in any case resulting from the 2022 Kaye-Smith cybersecurity incident, *see generally* [Woodard v. Boeing Emps. Credit Union et al.](#), Case No. 3:23-cv-01165-AR (D. Or.) and [Krefting v. Kaye-Smith Enters., Inc et al.](#), Case No. 3:23-cv-01164-AR (D. Or.); *see also* [Smith v. Kaye-Smith Enters., Inc.](#), Case No. 3:22-cv-01499-AR (D. Or.), [ECF No. 73](#), and it would release all claims against BECU and Kaye-Smith. *See* [Smith](#), [ECF No. 73](#), at pp. 31-32. Thus, to the extent Plaintiff entered into any resolution with any parties, she expected the release of all claims against BECU and Kaye-Smith.

BECU does not object to the dismissal of Plaintiff’s action—with prejudice. “When dismissal by consent or stipulation of the parties follows a compromise or settlement of the suit, the dismissal is intended to operate as an end to litigation, and the dismissal is entered with prejudice.” *See* Order Dismissing Action Against Defendant With Prejudice, [Buick v. World Sav. Bank](#), Case No. 2:07-cv-01447-MCE-KJM (E.D. Cal. Dec. 1, 2010), [ECF No. 107](#). In [Diamond State Ins. Co. v. Genesis Ins. Co.](#), the parties agreed to resolve the action through settlement, but

“disagree[d] as to whether th[e] case should be dismissed with or without prejudice.” 2009 WL 10691169, at *1 (D. Nev. June 4, 2009), [aff’d](#), 379 F. App’x 671 (9th Cir. 2010). The plaintiff sought dismissal without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2). [Id.](#) The court held that dismissal was appropriate because the plaintiff “entered into a settlement agreement with Defendant in which Plaintiff agreed to ‘waive and release any and all claims.’” [Id.](#) at *2. According to the court, because plaintiff’s request for dismissal without prejudice amounted to an attempt “to revoke its promise” made in the parties’ settlement agreement, dismissal with prejudice was appropriate “[t]o protect Defendant’s interest in entering and upholding the settlement agreement.” [Id.](#); see also [Cooper v. Dept. of Tax’n](#), 2019 WL 6114532, at *4 (D. Haw. Nov. 18, 2019) (“Defendants would have no incentive to settle if Plaintiff could simply refile his action after receiving his payout. Therefore, the dismissal should be with prejudice.”), [aff’d](#), 828 F. App’x 453 (9th Cir. 2020).*

In this case, given that (1) Plaintiff has informed the Court that she has reached a resolution with the parties, and (2) such resolution necessarily includes a release of her claims against BECU, dismissal of this case with prejudice is proper, and BECU does not object to dismissal of her action with prejudice.

* See also [Healey v. Labgold](#), 271 F. Supp. 2d 303, 305 (D.D.C. 2003) (“[D]ismissals with prejudice are a matter of course in settlement agreements. Why settle a case, pay good money, and leave oneself exposed to another lawsuit?”); [Borrito v. Dicks](#), 2007 WL 4207805, at *2 (N.D. Fla. Nov. 27, 2007) (“Here, voluntary dismissal of this action is proper because the parties have reached a settlement. Moreover, Defendants have also requested that this action be dismissed with prejudice. There[fore], dismissal should be with prejudice by agreement of the parties.”).

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